

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel Claims 8-10 and 19-21 without prejudice.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of connecting to a wireless communication access point comprising:
  - a) an initiator device broadcasting a first wireless message to a plurality of potential access point devices, said initiator device storing therein a list of recognized device addresses for connecting thereto;
  - b) in response to said initiator device broadcasting said first wireless message, said initiator device receiving a plurality of second wireless messages from a set of said plurality of potential access point devices, wherein said set of said plurality of potential access point devices is defined by at least one physical characteristic;
  - c) said initiator device comparing device addresses of said plurality of second wireless messages for address matches with said list of recognized device addresses, and wherein said list of recognized device addresses is compared, by said initiator device, to a list of current network access point addresses maintained on a network server, any differences being updated within

said list of recognized device addresses in a memory cache of said initiator device:

- d) applying a fitness function to address matches of said c) to determine a selectable ~~single~~ address, wherein said fitness function defines an acceptable criteria for determining said ~~single~~ selectable address; and
- e) transmitting a signal to connect to an access point device corresponding to said ~~single~~ selectable address.

2. (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein set of said physical characteristic is defined by a quantity of device threshold.

3. (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein set of said physical characteristic is defined by a time of discovery threshold.

4. (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said criteria is an occupancy level less than a predetermined threshold.

5. (Previously Presented) The method as described in Claim 1 wherein said criteria is signal strength greater than a predetermined threshold.

6. (Previously Presented) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said criteria is residing within a predetermined physical distance.

7. (Original) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said initiator device and said responding device are Bluetooth-enabled devices.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Canceled).

10. (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 1[[10]] wherein said initiator device abstracts said list of access point addresses into a single abstract name.

12. (Currently Amended) A wireless communication device comprising:  
a bus;  
a wireless transceiver unit coupled to said bus for communicating with responding devices;  
a memory cache coupled to said bus; and

a processor coupled to said bus, said processor for performing a method for selecting and connecting to a responding access point device, said method comprising:

a) an initiator device broadcasting a first wireless message to a plurality of potential access point devices, said initiator device storing therein a list of recognized device addresses for connecting thereto;

b) in response to said initiator device broadcasting said first wireless message, said initiator device receiving a plurality of second wireless messages from a set of said plurality of potential access point devices, wherein said set of said plurality of potential access point devices is defined by at least one physical characteristic;

c) said initiator device comparing device addresses of said plurality of second wireless messages for address matches with said list of recognized device addresses, wherein said list of recognized device addresses is compared, by said initiator device, to a list of current network access point addresses maintained on a network server, any differences being updated within said list of recognized device addresses in a memory cache of said initiator device;

d) applying a fitness function to address matches of said c) to determine a selectable single address, wherein said fitness function defines an acceptable criteria for determining said single selectable address; and

e) transmitting a signal to connect to an access point device corresponding to said ~~single~~ selectable address, wherein said initiator device is said wireless communication device.

13. (Previously Presented) The device as described in Claim 12 wherein set of said physical characteristic is defined by a quantity of device threshold.

14. (Previously Presented) The device as described in Claim 12 wherein set of said physical characteristic is defined by a time of discovery threshold.

15. (Previously Presented) The device as described in Claim 12 wherein said criteria is an occupancy level less than a predetermined threshold.

16. (Previously Presented) The device as described in Claim 12 wherein said criteria is signal strength greater than a predetermined threshold.

17. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in Claim 12 wherein said criteria is residing within a predetermined physical distance.

18. (Previously Presented) The device as recited in Claim 12 wherein said initiator device and said responding device are Bluetooth-enabled devices.

19. (Canceled).

20. (Canceled).

21. (Canceled).

22. (Currently Amended) The device of Claim 12 ~~[[21]]~~ wherein said initiator device abstracts said list of access point addresses into a single abstract name.

23-27. (Canceled).